

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For:	SECURITY ELEMENT WITH THIN-LAYER ELEMENT		

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION NOTICE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2008 in the above application, said Action requiring restriction of the claims between the following groups:

GROUP I - claims 1-30 (security element product)

GROUP II - claims 31-45 (process for printing security element)

GROUP III - claims 46-54 (composition or intermediate product – printing ink)

GROUP IV – claims 55-64 (process for producing printing ink)

ELECTION WITH TRAVERSAL

Subject to the traversal discussed below, Applicant elects the claims of GROUP II, (claims 31-45) to be maintained in this application for continued examination.

All rights to the non-elected subject matter are reserved.

TRAVERSAL

This Restriction Notice is TRAVERSED. The Restriction Notice imposed in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 121 is believed to be improper. This application is a U.S. National Phase of an International application and provisions under 35 U.S.C. § 372(a)(2) apply in this case. The provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.475 are controlling with respect to issues of unity of invention in U.S.